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1. DISCUSSED TALHOUNI-RIFA'I MISSION TO DAMASCUS WITH ASAD'S POLITICAL COUNSELOR DAOUBI DECEMBER 9. DAOUDI COMMENTED THAT JORDANIANS LEFT THEIR SYRIAN CONTACTS, IN PARTICULAR ASAD AND KHADDAM, WITH DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT KING HUSSEIN WAS IN NO HURRY TO SEE QUADRIPARTITE MEETING OF EGYPT, SYRIA, JORDAN AND PLO HELD AS ENVISIONED BY RABAT SUMMIT. DAOUDI'S ONLY OTHER OBSERVATION WAS THAT KING IN WAKE OF RABAT SUMMIT HAD ACTED PRECIPITATELY BY TAKING SUCH ACTIONS AS REFORMING HIS CABINET AND DISSOLVING THE JORDANIAN SENATE. THESE ACTS, IN DAOUDI'S WORDS, "AT LEAST REINFORCED IMPRESSION OF HUSSEIN'S ANTI-PALESTINIAN MOTIVATION." I NOTED KING HAD DONE FAR LESS IN THIS REGARD THAN ELEMENTS OF EAST BANK OPINION HAD DEMANDED.

2. COMMENT. DAOUDI GAVE NO HINT THAT SYRIA ITSELF WAS PRESSING FOR EARLY QUADRIPARTITE MEETING.

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